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**Hands On Hartford and New Haven Home Recovery are Part of
Local/National Vehicle Donation Program: Four Connecticut Families
to be Served**

Cars Will Be Awarded on November 23, 2009

Hartford, CONN. November, 18, 2009 — Hands On Hartford, a Hartford-based volunteer action center and social services agency, and New Haven Home Recovery, a New Haven County based organization which provides emergency shelter, supportive housing and family stabilization services to women and children, were selected by the Connecticut Collision Repair Specialists (CCRS) Association to take part in a program in which repaired and recycled vehicles will be donated to four Connecticut families in need. This is the first cooperative project between the three associations.

Entitled, “Recycled Rides” and part of a larger national program of the National Auto Body Council (NABC), the CCRS Community Awareness Committee will lead the project locally, with members of CCRS repairing and donating cars. Both Hands On Hartford and New Haven Home Recovery will help CCRS locate individuals in transition who need reliable transportation.

The four qualifying Connecticut families will be announced and awarded their cars on “Rideaway Day” on November 23, 2009. This statewide effort is part of NABC’s “Recycled Rides” program across the country. On that day, nearly 150 cars, donated by Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Progressive Insurance and other partners, are expected to be donated nationally.

Local-National Vehicle Donation

Kellyann Day, New Haven Home Recovery's Executive Director says, "A gift such as this will go along way to helping a family remain self sufficient. We are grateful CCRS for giving two of our families the opportunity to thrive!"

"We are excited about participating in 'Recycled Rides,' " said Doug Sudell, chief executive officer of Hands On Hartford. "It's an opportunity to help individuals who need a vehicle to fully transition into a job situation and provide for their families."

"Each year collision repair operators all over the country come across cars that are 'written off' by either the owner or the insurance company," said Lisa Siembab, CCRS executive director. "Many times all these vehicles need is some TLC or mechanical and bodywork to get them road-ready and safe to drive.

"Our goal is to help people in our local community," added Siembab. "This program is a wonderful way to make a measurable difference in Connecticut and nationally."

***About New Haven Home Recovery:** NHHR has been providing supportive services and housing to families for the past 19 years. The agency's mission is to promote the independence of women and children confronting homelessness, HIV/AIDS, and behavioral health issues in a supportive environment where their potential can be realized. NHHR operates two emergency homeless shelters for women and children, over 100 units of supportive housing for families and two family stabilization programs, one in Fair Haven and one in Bridgeport. In addition, NHHR operates a regional furniture bank called The Furniture Co-Op, which provides donated furniture to households in need: www.nhhr.org.*

***About Hands On Hartford:** Hands On Hartford is a Hartford-based private non-profit, non-sectarian social services agency that works in partnership with others to "strengthen community in Hartford by responding faithfully to people in need through programs that change lives and renew human possibility." The agency operates school-based educational programs for children and their families, residential and supportive services for people living with HIV/AIDS and a variety of basic needs programs (soup kitchen and food pantry, resource and referral services, weekend dining and meals-on-wheels programs for seniors and the disabled). Founded as Center City Churches, the agency changed its name to Hands On Hartford in 2006 and became the first social service agency recognized as an affiliate of Hands On Network – a 250-member national organization intent on mobilizing and redefining volunteerism and civic engagement throughout the nation. Hands On Hartford is supported by donations from individuals, civic and religious organizations, government, corporate and foundation grants, and the volunteer efforts of more than 2,000 dedicated volunteers. For more information, visit: www.handsonhartford.org*

***About CCRS:** The Connecticut Collision Repair Specialists consists of professionals from all segments of the collision industry working together to expand and improve the industry and open lines of communication through training opportunities, open forums and involved cooperation. It is committed to the future of the collision repair industry, providing the leadership needed, raising the professional image of the individual and the industry, and developing new leaders to carry its goals forward: www.ctcrs.com*

***About NABC:** NABC is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the image of the collision industry. Its ongoing and continued success is a direct result of the efforts and support of sponsoring companies and membership: 1-888-667-7433 (888-66PRIDE) or www.autobodycouncil.org.*